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1. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN JULY 13 ISSUE OF
SHIPPING AND TRADE NEWS, OVERSEAS DIVISION OF MOT SHIPPING
BUREAU PLANS TO REQUEST BUDGET OF ABOUT THIRTY MILLION YEN
(ABOUT ONE MILLION DOLLARS) TO QTE FACILITATE ITS PREPARATIONS
FOR SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION UNQTE OF UN LINER CONFERENCE
CODE. FUNDS WILL BE REQUESTED IN BUDGET FOR JAPANESE
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1975 (JFY 75). PREPARATIONS,
WHICH ARTICLE STATES WILL BE STARTED QTE FULL-SCALE UNQTE
IN JFY 75, ARE SAID TO INCLUDE DRAFTING OF NEW LEGISLATION
NECESSARY TO ADJUST DOMESTIC LAWS AND REGULATIONS TO TERMS
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2. COMMENT. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL B, EMBASSY HAS NOT REPEAT NOT FORMALLY APPROACHED GOJ CONCERNING ITS INTENTIONS RE SIGNING AND RATIFYING UN LINER CONFERENCE CODE. HOWEVER, AS FOREGOING NEWS ARTICLE SUGGESTS (AND AS OUR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MOT CONFIRM), IT WILL BE ALMOST A YEAR BEFORE MOT BEGINS TO PREPARE IN EARNEST FOR GOJ SIGNATURE OF CODE CONVENTION. THUS WE BELIEVE EC OFFICIAL'S FEARS (PARA 5 REFTEL C) THAT JAPAN MAY SIGN TOO HASTILY ARE UNFOUNDED.
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